

The Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Vote May 20

Just a reminder that a special primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, to determine which of five Democratic candidates (Wayne Avery, Ray Basham, Susan Cislo, Kevin McGuckin, or Edward Mulka) will compete with the Republican candidate, Rick Butkowski, for the position of State Representative of the 22nd District in the election to be held on Tuesday, June 17. The primary was scheduled by Governor John Engler following the resignation of former State Representative Greg Pitoniak, who left office at the end of January to accept an appointment as Mayor of Taylor.

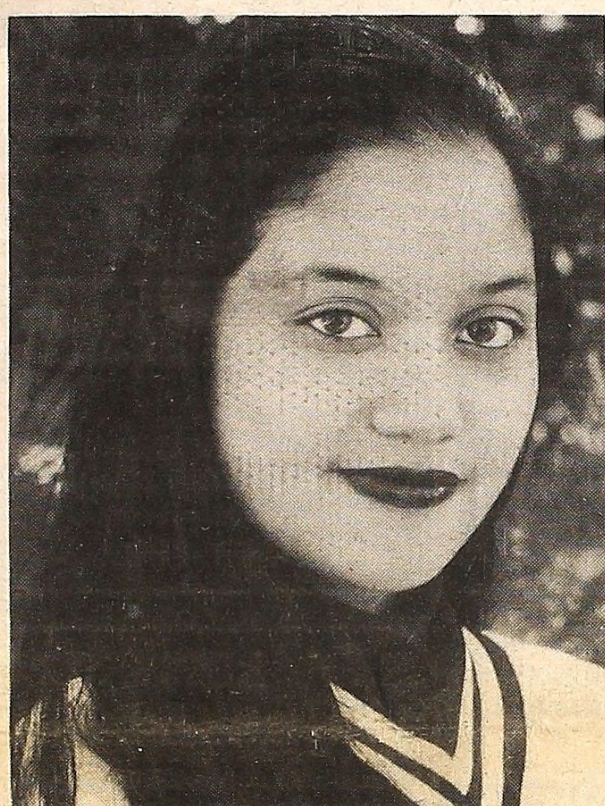
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The Romulus Little League is inviting area businesspeople to take advantage of an offer that will benefit both their company and the Little League. Just \$100 buys a 4'x4' sign, complete with the company's name and telephone number, to be displayed on the outfield fences of Romulus Little League fields. Funds raised from this effort will be used for field improvements. For more information, contact the Little League's sponsor agent, James Poet, at 942-7195.

City Sponsors No-fee Dumping

The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (located at 34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping (no more than two loads per day) on the following dates: Saturday, May 17, and Saturday, May 24, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday through Friday, May 19–23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Materials such as concrete, dirt, yard waste, liquid waste (petroleum products, paint, etc.), and large items (boats, sheds, cars/engines, etc.) cannot be accepted; all users must show proof of residency. Dumping area is entered "at your own risk." For more information, call the DPW at 942-7579.

Romulus Woman Is "Spirit Queen"



Rebecca Shelby

Rebecca Shelby, a senior at Romulus High School, will play the part of Titania, the "Spirit Queen," in the MOSAIC production of *What Fools These Mortals Be!* – a modern musical adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer-Night's Dream* – when it is performed at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts May 22–24.

Shelby first joined MOSAIC, a company of talented teens from throughout the Detroit area, following an audition in 1996. Since last September, she and her fellow cast members have been rehearsing 10 hours a week for the "street-wise" *What Fools*, and will continue to do so until the show goes on tour in June and July.

As a relative newcomer to the Thespian arts (this is her first role), Shelby is unsure how acting will fit into her future, but she has definite plans to explore its possibilities.

"When I enter the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor this fall, I'll be majoring in communications and marketing, but I hope to continue with some acting, as well, and take a few courses in drama," she explains.

Public performances of *What Fools* will be given at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24. Student/youth matinees have been set for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23. Tickets (available by calling Ticketmaster, 810-645-6666; or Music Hall, 313-963-2366) are \$15 for adults; \$5 for students/senior citizens. Group/student rates are available by calling MOSAIC at 313-554-1422.

What Fools will also be presented at the Performance Network of Ann Arbor (June 19–21); Court Theatre of Chicago (July 1–3); and Grand Rapids State University (September 28–29). □

Students, Senior Citizens Make "Law Day" a Successful "Inter-generational" Event

When 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green hosted a Law Day "mock trial" on Tuesday, May 6, the event was enjoyed by a host of local senior citizens and Romulus High School students.

The "inter-generational" project was the brainchild of Linda Norman, who is the programs coordinator for the Romulus Senior Citizens Center.

The mock trial was "prosecuted" by Melissa Kufel and Blondell Butler, assisted by local attorney Thomas K. DiPietro of the offices of DiPietro & Day, P.C. The defendant, Ms. Robin Hood (Romulus High School senior Rebecca Shelby), was successfully defended by Donna Genovese and Josiah Joiner, who were assisted by local attorney Thomas A. White of Belleville.

A total of 18 senior citizens and 24 students from Mr. Hanna's Romulus High School government class enjoyed the program and the refreshments which were provided by the Senior Center.

All participants have agreed that a similar project is a "must-repeat" for Law Day 1998. □



The student/senior citizen prosecuting team of Melissa Kufel (left) and Blondell Butler (right) operated under the able direction of local attorney Thomas DiPietro.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Parent Says It's Time Teachers Had a Contract

To Romulus Parents:

I am a parent of two children who attend Romulus Schools. I would like to bring something to your attention. Are you aware that our teachers are working for the third year without a contract?

I don't understand this. As a district, we formed several committees to improve our schools: the Preschool, Curriculum, Climate, Technology, Empowerment and Community committees. Each committee takes a piece of the education process and develops ways to make it better. It is a positive and necessary way to make improvements in education.

It is the Community Committee that is responsible for the Compact for Achievement. The Compact represents the idea that we will all work together to provide our children with the best education possible – an idea that I wholeheartedly support. The teachers' lack of a contract is inconsistent with the philosophy that Romulus Schools are striving to achieve. How can we promote the idea of us all working together if we can't provide our teachers with a contract?

I don't know the specifics of the holdup with the contract, but let me tell you what I see when I go to the school. I see hard-working teachers. I see them exchanging ideas, setting goals, and

giving words of encouragement to those students who need it. I see them working with parents to aid them in helping their children. I see them doing all of this with classrooms that are full. I see them doing all of this without a contract because, despite the fact that this is their job, these are the things that a good teacher does.

Now, you might think that it's not a big deal that they don't have a contract. School goes on as usual. Our children go every day. They get homework. They are getting an education.

But there is something more at stake here. If we do not support our teachers with a contract, what is the message we are sending? It is important that we show our teachers that what they do is valued. They have the awesome responsibility of preparing our children for the future. This is no small task. It requires all of our help to do it properly. We must work together – the schools, parents, and community – to empower our children with the knowledge and confidence to change the world. We must stay focused on this goal.

It is time that our teachers had a contract!

Sincerely,
Roxanne Kucharski
Romulus

VP Denies EDS Violated Public's Right to Know

Dear Editor:

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has submitted applications to the State of Michigan and the United States Environmental Protection Agency containing as much detailed information as possible on the types of wastewaters we propose to accept at our deepwell facilities. In addition, EDS has stated in each of its permit applications that, if a license is issued to operate, EDS shall provide each agency with detailed laboratory data on any wastewater that EDS proposes to accept in order to obtain approval from each agency. This provides the agencies with the maximum amount of information available on a wastewater for their review and approval prior to EDS being able to accept it. Without the agency

approvals, EDS will not be able to accept such wastewaters.

EDS has described the types of wastewaters proposed for acceptance in each of its permit applications, at hearings held before the City of Romulus' Board of Zoning Appeals, and at four public meetings conducted by EDS in Romulus. In addition, each of the permit applications containing this information have been placed on file at the Romulus Public Library.

Why are we discussing this issue? We are bringing this issue to your attention because certain politicians have made public statements and distributed literature indicating that EDS is violating the public's right to know regarding the nature of the wastewater proposed for acceptance by EDS. Such misstatements have been repeated by local residents.

EDS has not violated the public's right to know. For these politicians to make such statements is wrong and appears to be an attempt to build activism regarding EDS' projects and/or an

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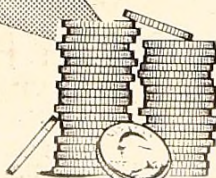
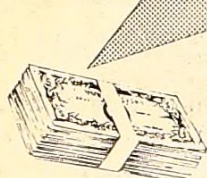
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Gift Store's Unique Selection Makes Shopping a Pleasure

By Rikki Strobos

Shopping for the perfect gift can be an exercise in frustration, but Grace Boc, owner of the LaBeau & Moore gifts and floral design shop, wants to change all that.

"I get tremendous enjoyment from working with people," smiles Boc, who says that her goal was to create a shop which features a selection of unique items displayed in a pleasant, comfortable atmosphere where shopping will be an enjoyable experience. "The store's wide variety of gift items — such as crystal, wall hangings, jewelry, candles, and aroma-therapy products (just to name a few) — make it easy to find something for almost everyone."

The talented Boc also provides a "floral design" service, creating attractive silk-flower arrangements for all occasions, including holidays, parties, birthdays, anniversaries, showers, weddings, and funerals.

Becoming a proprietor was a recent

career move for Boc, who was employed by First of America Mortgage Company until she left last February to open her shop here in Romulus.

"I love our city," says the longtime Romulus resident, "and would like to see more businesses open here. The residents of our community need more convenient places to shop."

Boc, who describes herself as "54 years young," was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1960 and married in 1961. She moved to Romulus in February of 1964, and her three children — Brian, Keith, and Lisa — are all graduates of Romulus High School. Currently, Brian is a sheet-metal worker in New York City; Keith is the director of public service for the City of Belleville; and Lisa works for First of America in the commercial loan department.

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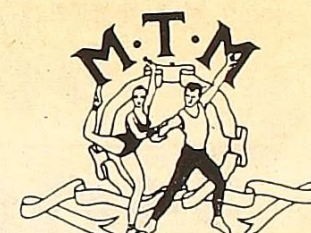
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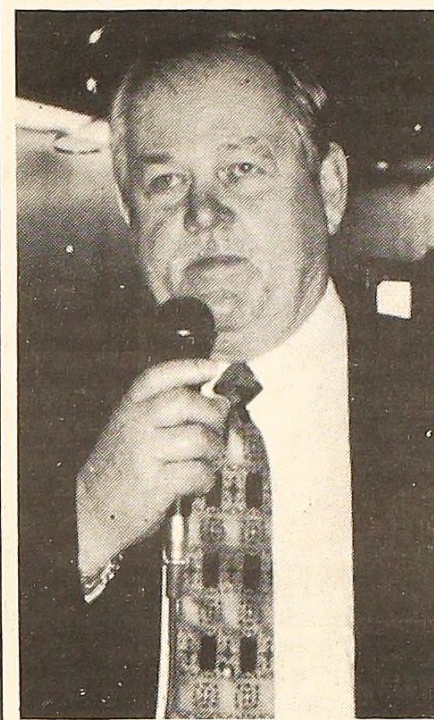
On Saturday, May 3, a casual crowd of friends and supporters joined Romulus Mayor William Oakley to kick off his reelection campaign.

Crockett Productions provided music for the crowd of merrymakers who danced at the Progressive Club on Ozga Road.

Mayor Oakley gave one of his "famous" short speeches, the main theme of which was the upcoming election on June 9, when voters will decide whether or not to amend the City Charter to extend elected officials' terms from two to four years. Oakley highlighted what he believes to be a number of advantages to longer terms, and welcomed the chance to debate his position's merits, saying, "I love to argue."

Local elected officials in attendance included City Clerk Linda Choate; Councilpersons William A. Crova and Mary Collins; and Romulus Board of Education member Michael Woods.

Others present included Leroy Burcroff and Donald Morris, who will be candidates for City Council in the upcoming City election(s); Kris Moe and Howard Kesner, candidates for City



Mayor Oakley spoke briefly in support of four-year terms.

Treasurer; and Eva Webb, who is seeking a Board of Education seat in next month's school election. □

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(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who made the principal's honor roll.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Taritone Burutolu, Sherri Davis, Della Hamby, Jamie Henne, Alex Macfarlane, Bethany Swauger, and Cassie Wilson.

Ms. English's Class

Ryan Barnes, Tondra Bland, Tiffany Claiborne, Keith Conway, Monica Cox, Jennifer Dennard, Lauryn Farkas, Angel Ford, Jacob Frushour, Paige Holet, Alan Huguley, Brittany Johnson, Nichole Lipkowski, Krystal McKay, Dijon Piggee, Jodi Schultz, Brandon Smith, Erin Strain, LaTrisha Walker, Cecilia Wells, and *Kimberly Wilson.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Theresa Chadwick, Kristian Conway, Jessica Deverich, *Carissa Drobil, *Randall Frye, and Shaenna Kettlewell.

Ms. Heinzelman's Class

Janeise Daniels, *Kelly Hardway,

Falicia Modrzynski, Andrew Rodger, and TaKara Roquemore.

Ms. Miller's Class

Gary Borden, Corie McKendry, Bryant Mosley, Rebecca Oros, *Jamie Ross, *Ryan Tackett, and Michael Trader.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Sammantha Chapman, Demetrius Dew, Doloris Garry, Anthony Groce, Brandy Little, Abbey Macey, Richard Reaume, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, Stephanie Schultz, Antonia Walker, and LeRodd Williams.

Ms. Price's Class

Lauren Bell, Ayibatari Burutolu, *Megan Crozier, Christina Gavin, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, Brian Rodger, Arlenea Savage, Jessica Sears, and Sarah Varga.

Ms. Walter's Class

Tiffany Block, Delilah Brennan, Monika Burgess, *Teela Carroll, Ryan Cordle, Joshua Crozier, Brandon Finley, Melissa Hubbard, Carolyn Moore, and Adrian Watson.

Ms. Watson's Class

*Kourtney Lester. □

W4 Country Budweiser Downtown Hoedown Features Best of National, Local Talent



Patty Loveless (photo: Randee St. Nicholas)

Patty Loveless – who won her second straight "Female Vocalist of the Year" award from the Academy of Country Music last month – will be among the impressive list of talent that will headline this year's 106.7 W4 Country Budweiser Downtown Hoedown, to be held on the riverfront in Detroit's Hart Plaza the weekend of May 16–18. Other top-name country artists joining Loveless will be John Berry, Diamond Rio, Mark Chesnutt, David Lee Murphy, and Holly Dunn, as well as up-and-coming performers like Kevin Sharp, Skip Ewing, David Kersh, the Thompson Brothers, Mark Wills, Jeff Wood, Burning Daylight, and Buffalo Club. A host of local country artists, groups, and dancers will provide entertainment throughout the event, as well.

This year's Hoedown (as this popular "rite of spring" has been affectionately nicknamed by the 800,000 to 900,000 country fans who attend it) marks the 15th anniversary of what has become the world's largest *free* country-music festival. The Hoedown is brought to the public by the Detroit Recreation Department, and funds raised through the event will be used to finance recreation projects for Detroit-area youths.

For further information, the public can access the Hoedown web page at <http://wattsupinc.com/> □



John Berry (photo: Mark Tucker)

Entertainment Schedule

Friday, May 16

Time	Performer
12:00 p.m.	Dan Knight & Rebel Heart
1:00 p.m.	Barnstormer
3:30 p.m.	Midnight Shift
4:30 p.m.	Sassy
6:00 p.m.	Skip Ewing
7:30 p.m.	Burning Daylight
9:00 p.m.	Jeff Wood
10:30 p.m.	Diamond Rio

Saturday, May 17

Time	Performer
12:00 p.m.	Northern Drive
1:00 p.m.	Lever Brothers
2:00 p.m.	Forbes Brothers
3:00 p.m.	Buffalo Club
4:30 p.m.	Mark Wills
6:00 p.m.	David Lee Murphy
7:45 p.m.	Mark Chesnutt
9:30 p.m.	Holly Dunn
10:30 p.m.	Patty Loveless

Sunday, May 18

Time	Performer
12:00 p.m.	Jeff Tuttle
12:45 p.m.	M. B. Owens & Midnite Holler
1:30 p.m.	Tony Phillips
2:15 p.m.	Thompson Brothers
3:30 p.m.	Janis Leigh
4:15 p.m.	David Kersh
5:15 p.m.	Red Rider
6:00 p.m.	Kevin Sharp
7:30 p.m.	Holly Van Bommel
9:00 p.m.	John Berry

(schedule subject to change without notice)



Diamond Rio: (top row, from left) Gene Johnson, Dan Truman, (bottom row, from left) Dana Williams, Jimmy Olander, Marty Roe, and Brian Prout (photo: John Scarpati)

To the Class of 1997



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For many teens, prom and graduation season means enjoying good times, celebrations — and, unfortunately, alcohol. Underage drinking is not only illegal, it's dangerous — especially when teens drink and drive, says AAA Michigan.

Consider these facts: In 1995, 2,185 drivers under age 21 were involved in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan. Fifty-three of those drivers were killed, while 1,001 were injured.

"Sadly, some teens choose to ignore warnings about the dangers of drinking and driving," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Even low levels of alcohol consumption involve risk. After one drink, a driver's judgment, reaction time, and coordination begin to be affected."

Why is driving dangerous when alcohol is consumed?

- Fine motor skills become difficult to use, especially during steering and braking.
- Routine things surprise you.
- Vision becomes blurred and focusing is difficult.
- The urge to sleep is strong, making it difficult to remain alert.
- Risk-taking increases with alcohol use.

Basch says underage drinking and driving also could have serious legal consequences: "The use of alcohol

could be costly — if you don't lose your life, you could lose your driver's license, and cash," he stresses. The average cost for a drunk-driving conviction (fines and attorney fees) is \$4,000 plus increased insurance, which can add up to three times the current auto insurance premium for a three-year period.

Since April 1, 1997, Michigan has adopted tougher drunk-driving laws. Public Act 490 allows for the warrantless arrest of an intoxicated person found in the driver's seat of a vehicle, if any part of the vehicle intrudes onto the roadway.

Public Act 491 gives judges the power to seize a vehicle for a first-time drunk-driving arrest, while Public Act 492 provides that a driver's license of a minor can be suspended or restricted after just one conviction.

Under the provisions of Public Act 493, the owner of a vehicle used by a minor in the transporting of alcohol could have his or her vehicle impounded for 15 to 30 days (if that person had knowledge of or gave consent to the use of the vehicle for transporting alcohol).

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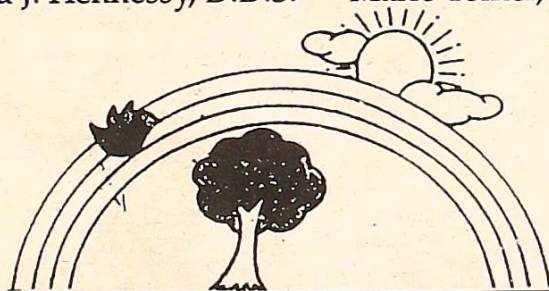
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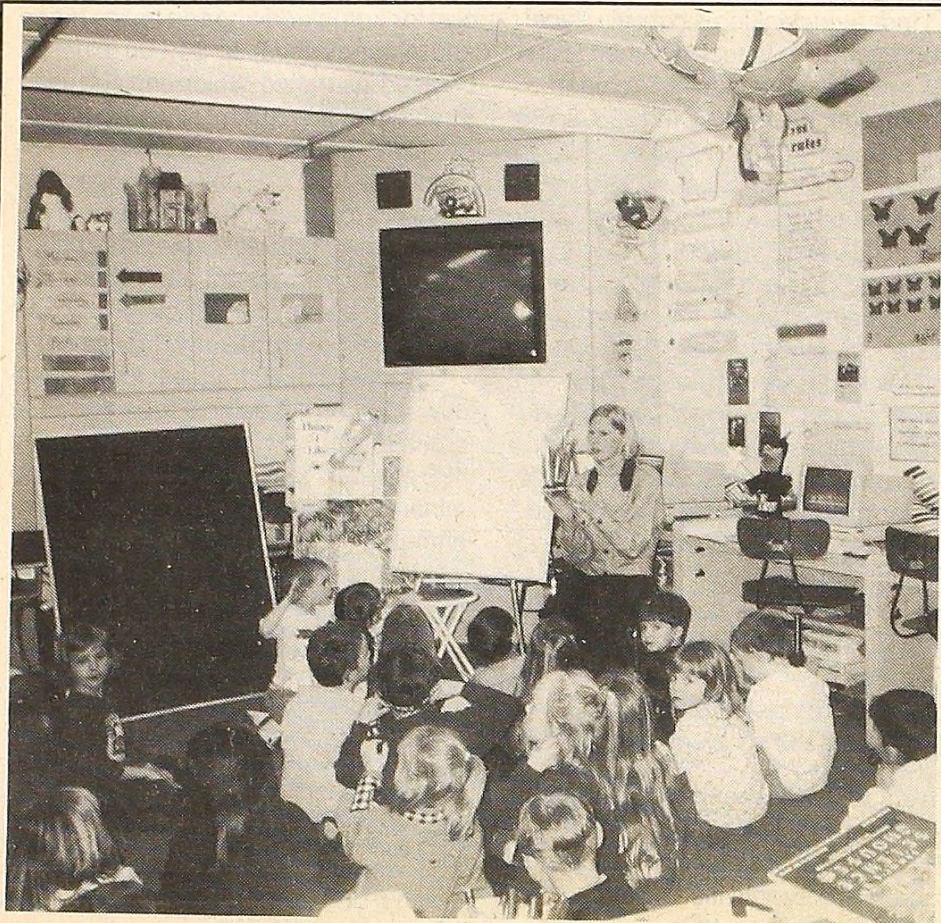
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Student Intern Teachers Share Talents; Learn from Students



Elizabeth Johnson, a student intern teacher from Western, discusses how plants grow with kindergartners at Halecreek.

Each year, Romulus teachers do their part to help prepare some of the future teachers of America's children. Student intern teachers from several universities come here to complete the final and most important step in their preparation for a future of teaching and guiding many children. They learn about the importance of high expectations and a quality education.

During this process, student interns become familiar with Romulus Community Schools, and explore, with their

mentor-teacher, ways of meeting these goals. They are shown the importance of parent input and support, and given opportunities to work with volunteer parents and other community persons.

Mentor-teachers also direct the interns as they plan and implement lessons that address the development of skills that will enable Romulus children to be successful as they meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. They learn how to effectively use the state-of-the-art technology available in the Romulus Schools to benefit the children they are servicing.

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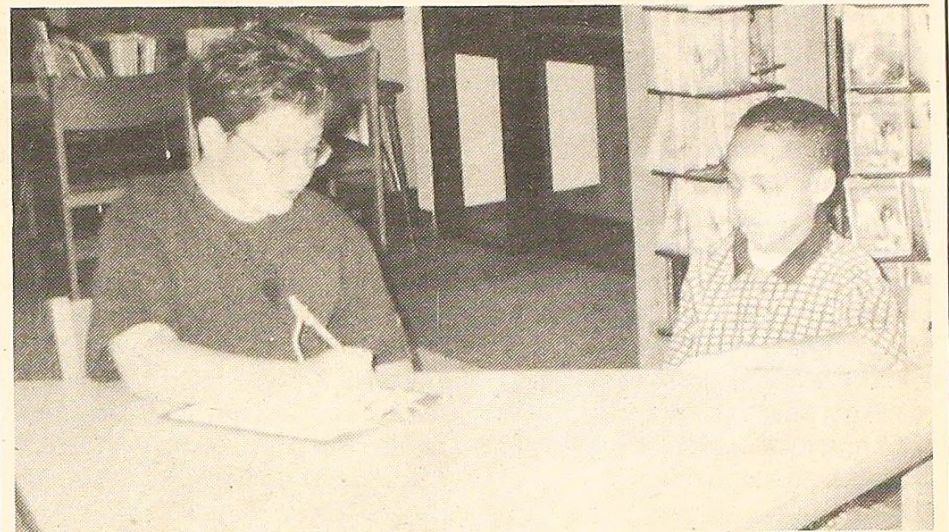
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Halecreek Youngsters Become Reporters for School Paper



Reporter Allan Phillips interviews Brandon Bragg to get his opinion about school activities.

Under the direction of Nan Meyer, media specialist at Halecreek Elementary School, 27 students from grades two through six work together to produce a student school newspaper each month. Reporters for the paper (called the *Halecreek Herald*) cover special events, classroom activities, and school functions; provide book reviews and word-search puzzles; and profile one staff member in each issue. The articles are enhanced by photos that the reporters take using the school's XAP Camera, as well as by the use of various types of clip art.

Through their journalistic efforts, *Halecreek Herald* reporters are increasing their research and language skills. Research is performed both in the me-

dia center (including use of the electronic encyclopedia, where appropriate) and at home. Reporters also interview staff and students, and take notes to use in writing their stories, which are typed, revised, and rewritten on the school's computers.

The *Halecreek Herald* staff provides a valuable service to the school and the community.

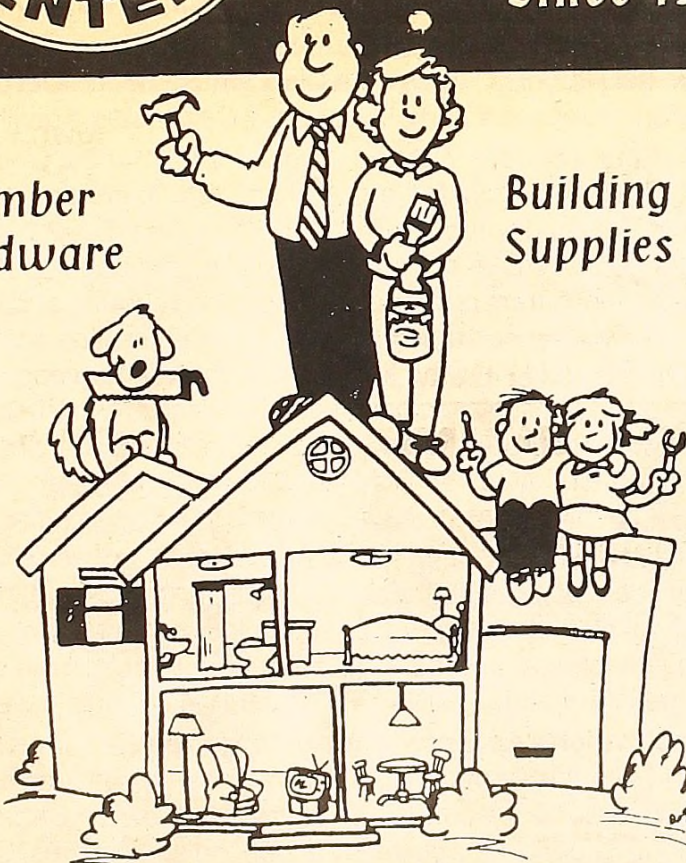
On Friday, May 30, Halecreek reporters will go on a field trip to the offices of *The Romulus Roman*, where they will meet with the newspaper's professional reporters and share ideas. Among the topics to be discussed will be the rewards and problems associated with involvement in the field of newspaper publishing. □



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RMS, RHS Students Honored

By Ed Clark, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 198 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for "Student of the Month" honors during the months of January, February, and March, based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending ceremonies recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond. The program, with the cooperation of local sponsors, instills positive expectations in our students.

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month.

January

Christa Anderson, Shanelle Bishop, Chrystal Blair, Tomeka Boles, David Bottenhorn, Brad Bowman, Amber Bowman, James Brasili, Jessi Brohl, Rachel Broom, Renee Byard, Carolyn Carter, Shabon Chadwick, Colleen Chambers, Erin Conway, Joshua Cutliff, Cassandra Dawson, Brandon Deyampert, Aimee Fisher, Tim Flake, LaDonna Franklin, Eric Franquist, Robert Garner, Tia Garrett, Darius Gilkey, Jerome Gray, Ralph Hackney, Jennifer Harper, Stephen Harper, Lindsey Hoppe, Maranda Howard, Crystal Humble, Jay Jakeway, Krystal Kaiser, Karenbir Kalouria, Courtney Kelsey, Kevin Kendrick, Cynthia King, Brian Longre, Valentina Lucaj, Rebecca Marz, Danielle McClue, Steven Mientkiewicz, David Moomaw, Mary Moore, Donald Parker, Rachael Parker, Kristen Parsons, Charles Reed, Erica Reed, Linda Ryznar, Adam Smith, LaShonta Smith, Shaun Somers, Willie Tapplar, Ebony Thompson, Melanie Tomchick, Falencia Ward, LaJoel Wasson, Monica Watson, Amanda Williams, Erica Williams, Shawanda Williams, Dale Wood, and Angela Zajac.

February

Jennifer Andrews, Signora Armstrong, Deanna Atherton, Eric Bauman, Angela Bowdler, Jodi Bright, Jason Brooks, David Brugh, Kelly Callison, Jasmine Clinkscales, Erin Conway, Melissa Doty, Samuel Estes, LaDonna Franklin, Andrew Garland, Matthew Gibbons, Kristin Godard, Catrina Green, Jordan Hadyniak, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Jeremy Hendricks, Nicole Johnson, Jeremiah Jones, Jamie Jones, Melaina Keller, Daniel Kennedy, Falon Kennedy, Mamie Kesner, Nayla Khan, Rachel Laskaska, Leah Lazenby, Myra Lockhart, Roger Marion, Andrea Marosan, Amelia McCray, David Merryman, Felicia Middlebrooks, Jason Miela, Steven Mientkiewicz, Crystal Miller, Crystal Minner, Monica Moore, Rajabu Nelson, Rachael Parker, Nicole Perva, John Rose, John Ryznar, Heather Schalte, Shannon Smith, Amber Sparr, Teri Speer, Ebony Thompson, Charles Thompson (Ath-

lete), Charles Usztics, John Wanza, Patrice Webster, David Wells, Rashad Woods, and Amy Zilka.

March

Jennifer Andrews, Stacy Baas, Julian Batie, Eric Bauman, Daffelyn Benson, Larry Brown, Eric Bryant, Nicole Burgess, Tariprey Burutolu, Fyonnae Byrd, Kelly Callison, Thais Carter, Colleen Chambers, Laura Colbert, Raymond Cook, Leah Cotham, Joshua Creith, David Destroyer, Nathan Devine, Heather Engle, Jessica Evenson, Tracie Finley, Jonathon Fisher, Danielle Ford, Eric Franquist, Kristin Godard, Michelle Gonzalez, Jennifer Groves, Brian Harper, Jeremy Hendricks, Kena Henley, Ryan Hicks, Telisha Higgins, Tiffani Hoch, Warren Howard, Lasunda Jackson, Jezail June, Ameerah Khalifa, Nayla Khan, Jennifer Kieszowski, Jamar Layne, Ebony Lofton, Makenzie Logan, Trina Lovelady, Valentina Lucaj, Melissa Lukofsky, Jessica Lyke, Dinah Malosh, Andrea Marosan, Nicholas McCray, Shawntee McPherson, Jason Miela, Bridgette Miller, Dyshawn Moss, Rachael Parker, Kristen Parsons, Stephen Potoczek, Brandon Reed, Adrienne Roberts, Owen Roper, Linda Ryznar, Donald Schalte, Casey Smith, Terri Speer, Catherine Sutter, Christopher Swantek, Kevin Thomas, Tyron Truitt, Sara Turner, Nichole Tuszyński, Adam Weber, Alexander Wilson, Shamel Womble, and Rashad Woods.

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Community Calendar

- **Baseball Skills Competition** – Children ages seven through 14 are invited to participate in the free "Fleer Diamond Baseball Skills Competition," set for 12 p.m. on May 10 at Elmer Johnson Park. Register at the Romulus Recreation Department (located at 36515 Bibbins) by Friday, May 16. Call 942-6852 for more information.
- **Mary Ann Banks Park Dedication** – Kennedy Park will be rededicated as "Mary Ann Banks Park" in a ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 17, beginning at noon. The public is invited to attend.
- **ADHD Parent Information Meeting** – Parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are invited to attend a free information meeting to be held at Barth Elementary School on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. A professional from Eastwood Clinic will lead discussion about such topics as the possible causes of ADHD, the distinctions between Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and ADHD, effective behavior-management techniques, and medication and alternative therapies. For more information, contact Elise Cianciola, home-school liaison, at any Romulus elementary school.
- **Historical Society Meeting** – The May business meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at the Romulus Public Library. Guest speaker Larry See, who belongs to the 17th Michigan Reenactment Group, will discuss the Civil War Era. The public is welcome to attend this free event.
- **Historical Society To Hold Gigantic Garage Sale** – Among those participating in the "City-wide Garage Sale" will be the Romulus Historical Society. The group's *gigantic* sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the Post Office). A variety of items will be available, along with Historical Society souvenirs, Kingsley House bricks, coffee, and other refreshments.
- **Horseshoe Club Seeks Members** – Newcomers are welcome to join the Romulus Horseshoe Club, which meets Tuesday evenings at Elmer Johnson Park. Questions? Call James Norville: 422-7530.
- **Crafters/Vendors Wanted** – Volunteers from the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee are working hard to create a street festival to be held in downtown Romulus September 20–21, but they need your help to make it a success! The committee is currently taking applications from crafters, merchandise vendors, and food vendors who would like to participate, as well as entertainers who would like to volunteer to show off their talents. For crafter/vendor information or applications, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.) or Maria Lambert at 942-7543 (before 6 p.m.). For entertainer information, call Ellen Bragg at 942-9207 (between 3 and 8 p.m.).
- **Special Needs PAC Needs You!** – The Romulus Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee wants to serve as a communication link between parents/guardians of "special needs" children and the school district. The group hopes to increase public awareness, put on workshops, and develop a handbook for special services. For more information, call 941-7330 or 941-4249 and leave a message.
- **Applications Accepted for Kindergarten Readiness Program** – The Romulus Community Schools kindergarten readiness program (MDE program) – conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Center (located at 39000 Superior) – is currently accepting applications. Children must be four years old by December 1, 1997, in order to qualify. This program is free to eligible families, and services all families who meet at least two of the 25 established criteria. For more information, call 941-0610, ext. 40, or drop in at the Center (Room #19).

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at LegalAid clinics to be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, May 21**
Romulus Senior Center
36515 Bibbins
Romulus
313-942-6852
- **Thursday, May 29**
Senior Citizens Community Center
21311 Telegraph Road (at King)
Brownstown Township
313-675-0920

No appointment is necessary; seniors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue until everyone (limit: 25 people) who has signed up by 10:30 a.m. has been seen.

For further information, please call 313-964-5310.

"Mother's Day" Potluck

With 75 seniors in attendance, the Mother's Day potluck was a huge success. Under the caring instruction of Betty Santo, 15 students from Romulus Middle School cooked, set up, and cleaned up, as well as entertained and ran bingo games. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone.

Senior Appreciation Day Picnic

Another "inter-generational event" that will bring Romulus senior citizens together with students from Romulus Middle School will be the annual Senior Appreciation Day Picnic, to be held at the Center on Monday, May 19, beginning at 11:30 a.m. It promises to be an event chock-full of good food and good times.

Advance registration (either by calling or stopping in) is requested so that the food and games can be planned accordingly.

101 Dalmations

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center—*101 Dalmations*, starring Glenn Close and Jeff Daniels—will be shown on Friday, May 23, at 1 p.m.

As always, refreshments will be served.

Burger King Bingo

The first Wednesday of each month will be Burger King Bingo day at the Romulus Senior Center, since the local restaurant has graciously offered to contribute coupons for bingo prizes. So, the next time you stop by the Burger King on Wayne Road, please let them know how much you appreciate their community spirit.

Exercise

Following the lead of Richard Simmons on his *Silver Foxes* tape, seniors can exercise at their own pace at the Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

As always, the Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Walmart store in Monroe on Friday, May 23. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Pair-A-Dice**—This overnight outing which features gambling aboard a riverboat casino is paradise, indeed, for those who love to wager! The \$61 cost of the trip, which departs June 23, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's accommodations at the Pair-A-Dice Hotel in Peoria, Illinois; casino gambling aboard the Pair-A-Dice Riverboat; and three full meals.
- **Bay Mills Resort & Casino**—Those who love to flirt with Lady Luck won't want to miss this overnight excursion to the Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, Michigan. The \$115 cost of the trip, which departs on July 14, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's accommodations, one breakfast, one dinner, and \$40 total cash back from casinos in St. Ignace and the Soo. Your final cost is only \$75!

Closed for the Holiday

And, finally, just a little reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 26, in recognition of Memorial Day. □



Taking a hand at the Mother's Day potluck so that the ladies could take it easy were Bill Lavin (left) and Richard Jackson.

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Jackie Pregler (center), one of the Center's craft instructors, works with Ruth Carter (left) and Ruth Skupny.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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effort to artificially make their constituents think they are doing a good job in order to get votes. In either case, it is wrong to make such statements, and wrong to mislead the public. EDS has notified these politicians of their improper behavior and we trust that their actions in the future will not mislead the public.

Sincerely,
Austin Marshall, P.E., P.G.
Vice President
EDS

EDS Updates Public on Status of Permits

Dear Editor:

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has recently received numerous questions regarding the status of its permit applications for its Citrin Drive and Northline Road deepwell projects.

Citrin Drive Facility

On May 1, 1997, the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Geological Survey Division (GSD) held a public hearing to receive public comment regarding EDS' application to install two deepwells at this site. Prior to this hearing, the GSD found these applications to be administratively and technically complete. The GSD will accept written comments on these applications until May 22, 1997, after which they will decide whether or not to issue these permits.

EDS' United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) deepwell permit applications for these two wells have been submitted and are under review. If the USEPA decides that they have intent to issue permits, they will first issue draft permits and will hold a public hearing to receive public comment. No draft permits have been issued, nor has a public hearing been scheduled at this time.

If and when the USEPA issues a draft permit for the deepwells, EDS will submit its response to questions raised

by the State's Waste Management Division (WMD) regarding EDS' application for a permit to construct a hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility. The WMD will review EDS' response to determine if it is complete. If the WMD finds it to be complete, they will begin their technical review. The WMD will hold public hearings before any decision is made to approve the permits to keep the public informed.

Northline Road Facility

This facility has a deepwell constructed under USEPA and GSD permits. Permit applications have also been filed for a second deepwell at this facility, and these applications are currently under review.

EDS has not, as yet, submitted an application for a "treatment, storage, and disposal facility" construction permit to the WMD. However, recent Michigan Court of Appeals and WMD decisions have now cleared the way for EDS to proceed with this permit process.

The use of the Northline Road site, instead of the Citrin Drive site, has been encouraged as a means to utilize existing natural resources. This encouragement was provided by the Honorable Senator Loren Bennett and the Honorable Mayor Gregory Pitoniak of Taylor at the recent May 1, 1997 public hearing.

As a result of these new developments, EDS will prepare and submit an application for a "treatment, storage, and disposal facility" construction permit to the State's WMD in the near future.

Summary

We have provided the status of our various permit applications to answer any questions that readers might have regarding the complex permitting process. If any reader has additional questions, we encourage you to call us at 313-955-2100, or write to us at Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, MI 48174.

Sincerely,
Austin Marshall, P.E., P.G.
Vice President
EDS □

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REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 14, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 14, 1997 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlin at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. Administrator Bedell was absent (excused). Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/97/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Agenda as amended: Move Item VI. F., "Track Presentation," to follow Item VI. B., "Bills for Payment." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4/97/2 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of March 24, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

4/97/3 Moved by Kesner supported by Lenossi to approve the Retirement Resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Rosemary Hering. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Routine Personnel Actions – Employment: Pamela Kuderik, Custodian, Senior High School, Effective April 14, 1997; Karin Laskaska, Substitute Bus Driver/Aide, Effective March 25, 1997; Stacey White, Paraprofessional, Barth Elementary School, Effective April 9, 1997; and Tim Gamber, School/Work Liaison, Senior High School, Effective March 27, 1997. Resignation: Timothy Dziobak, Supervisor/Coordinator, Adult Education, Effective April 4, 1997. Family Medical Leave: Raquel Diroff, Secretary, Halecreek Elementary School, May 16, 1997 through September 2, 1997.

4/97/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Personnel Actions as offered by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

4/97/5 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Track Presentation

Mr. Jesse Meriweather extended recognition to Avern Logan and Larry Thomas for their years of successful coaching in track and football at the Romulus Middle School.

Math Update – Mike Teasdale, Lynn Behta, and Joyce Bujak

The Board heard an informative curriculum report presented by Mike Teasdale, Lynn Behta and Joyce Bujak covering the math program for 7th to 12th grades.

Approval of By-Laws

4/97/6 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to approve the recommendations of the Policy Committee and adopt the attached By-Laws. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Cawthorne Contract – 3 Months

4/97/7 Moved by Lenossi supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board enter into an agreement with Cawthorne, McCollough and Cavanagh for lobbying services relative to Baron's Academy (April 1 through June 30, 1997). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cancel Meeting of April 28th

4/97/8 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and cancel the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 1997, because of Board Members being out of town. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education and Administration relative to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Policy Committee Minutes; 3) MHSAA – We are Class B; 4) Alumni Association "Thanks"; 5) Dolan Memo – Merriman; and 6) "Thanks" – Volunteer Dinner.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek asked when the enhancement millage ends. The answer to her question was "now."

Mr. Michael Woods asked when our counselors and social workers will be here and the status of our reteaching. A "D" grade level requires mandatory attendance of reteaching of language arts.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz stated that on Saturday, the Jazz Band received all "1's". She also reminded everyone that the production of "The Wiz" would be performed on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday in the High School auditorium.

Executive Session – Negotiations

4/97/9 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:52 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:37 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

4/97/10 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
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The Stork Arrived

Jeremy Ryan Pittman

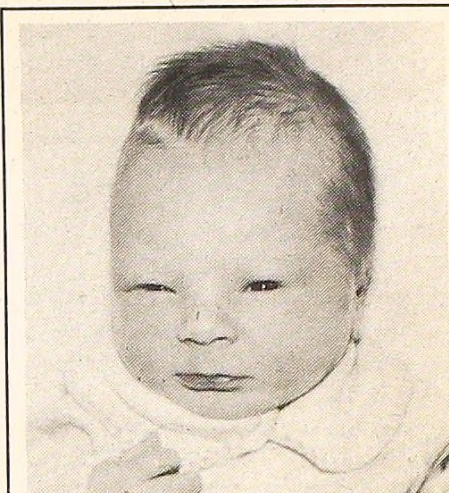
Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Jeremy Ryan Pittman, are Shelby and Lisa Pittman of Flat Rock, Michigan.

Shelby is formerly of Wyandotte, Michigan; his wife is the former Lisa Koivisto of Romulus, Michigan.

Jeremy made his arrival in Seaway Hospital (Trenton, MI) on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, weighing in at six pounds, 1½ ounces, and measuring 19½ inches in length.

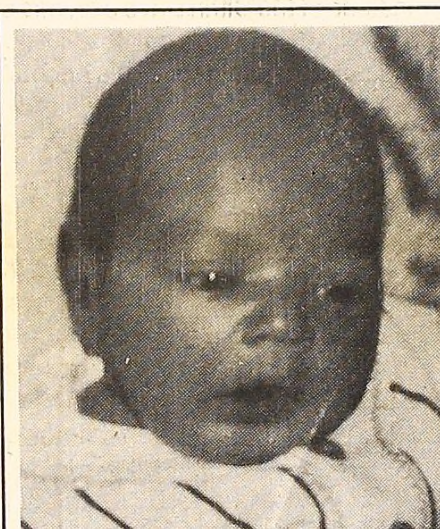
Flossie Pittman (Wyandotte, MI) and Ronald and Dolly Koivisto (New Boston, MI) are Jeremy's grandparents.

His great-grandparents are Leo and Helmi Koivisto (Rudyard, MI).



Jeremy Ryan Pittman

Jerold Lewis Wathaw Tennille Jr.



Jerold Lewis Wathaw Tennille Jr.

Proudly announcing the birth of their second child, Jerold Lewis Wathaw Tennille Jr., are Tonya Atherton and Jerold Tennille of Romulus, Michigan.

Jerold Jr. was born in Hutzel Hospital (Detroit, MI) at 7:17 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 1997. At birth, he weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces, and measured 21½ inches in length.

Harry and Janet Atherton (Romulus, MI) are Jerold Jr.'s maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are Clarence Tennille and the late Laverne Tennille (Romulus, MI).

His great-grandparents are Clarence and Frances Tennille (Romulus, MI). □

Obituary

Peggy Janice (Bishop) Dorman

Peggy Janice (Bishop) Dorman of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 13, 1997. She was 67 years old.

Born on September 28, 1929, the native of Harrisburg, Illinois, married Paul Victor Dorman in Pontiac, Michigan, on October 24, 1947. Besides being active in Open Heart Ministries, Peggy was also involved in the Romulus Senior Citizens Bowling League.

Surviving Peggy are her husband; one son, Philip W. Dorman (Detroit, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Alan (Patricia) Nellis (Fulton, MO); one brother, Ronald Bishop (Fenton, MI);

four sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Wanda) Oliver (Ft. Myers, FL), Mrs. Bonnie Cupp (Ortville, MI), Mrs. Donald (Carol) Traxler (Midland, MI), and Mrs. Brian (Sharon) Stanton (Walled Lake, MI); and two grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons.

A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Kenneth Miller (Open Heart Ministries, Belleville, MI) officiating. Interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery (Troy, MI).

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